

# Legislative Water Development Commission

2020 Interim Study Items: Recommendations and Actions | November 17, 2020

## Priority Study Items

Title of Study Items	Commission Meetings	Commission Action
<b>Aquatic Invasive Species</b> – study the existing programs and next steps to address the spread of aquatic invasive species in Utah bodies of water.	<b>Discussed in June and October.</b> The commission heard from the Division of Wildlife Resources regarding the aquatic invasive species program and needs. The committee discussed drafting legislation to create a statewide emergency response plan in the event that aquatic invasive species are detected in bodies of water, facilities, or supply systems in Utah.	Approved draft legislation “Statewide Aquatic Invasive Species Emergency Response Plan” as a commission bill.
<b>Release of Water from Flaming Gorge</b> – continue studying H.C.R. 23, 2020 General Session “Encouraging a Balanced Approach to the Release of Water from Flaming Gorge”.	<b>Discussed in August and November.</b> The commission discussed draft legislation regarding the release of water from Flaming Gorge and its impact on local communities and users.	Approved draft legislation “Concurrent Resolution Encouraging a Balanced Approach to the Release of Water from Flaming Gorge” as a commission bill.
<b>School and Child Care Center Water Testing</b>	<b>Discussed in September and November.</b> The commission heard from Rep. Handy regarding the proposed draft legislation which would require testing for lead in drinking water taps in schools and child care centers.	Approved draft legislation “School and Child Care Center Water Testing Requirements” as a commission bill.
<b>Lake Powell Pipeline Project</b> - study the 2019 Legislative Audit recommendations regarding the repayment feasibility of the Lake Powell Pipeline.	<b>Discussed in October and November.</b> The commission heard from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General regarding the recommendations and	The commission voted to support the audit findings and recommendations in the 2019 audit “Performance Audit of the Repayment Feasibility of the Lake Powell Pipeline (Report #2019-05)”.

	findings of the 2019 Lake Powell Pipeline audit.	
<b>Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of Municipalities in Watersheds</b> – study municipalities extraterritorial jurisdiction related to water sheds and water works.	<b>Discussed in October and November.</b> The commission discussed draft legislation that deals with the jurisdiction of municipalities in watersheds that affect their water supply.	Voted in the November meeting to send this issue to the Director of the Department of Natural Resources for further development and study.
<b>Executive Water Task Force Recommendations</b>	The commission discussed the following draft legislation that were recommended by the Utah Water Task Force: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water Distribution Efficiency – Rep. Ballard (Discussed in September and October)</li> <li>• State Engineer Electronic Communications – Rep. Ferry (Discussed in September)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No action regarding the draft legislation “Water Distribution Efficiency”.</li> <li>• The committee (without a quorum) unanimously supported the draft legislation “State Engineer Electronic Communications”.</li> </ul>
<b>Water Testing</b> – study the water testing in streams and lakes by Department of Environmental Quality through the state lab at the Department of Health.	<b>Discussed in August.</b> The commission heard from the Department of Environmental Quality, but the state lab was unable to participate due to workload associated with the COVID-19 testing.	No recommendations.
<b>Water Supply</b> – study and review the existing and future water supply in the state.	<b>Discussed in June.</b> The commission heard from the Divisions of Water Resources, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the National Weather Service regarding the water supply and snowpack in Utah.	No recommendations.
<b>Water Quality in Utah Lake</b> – study the current treatment and revitalization efforts in Utah Lake.	<b>Discussed in August.</b> The commission heard from representatives of the Division of Water	No recommendations.

	Quality regarding the monitoring of algal blooms across the state.	
<b>Public Entity Water Users</b> – study the use and development of water by public entities (see S.B. 84, 2020 General Session)	<b>Discussed in September.</b> Heard from Sen. Anderegg who sponsored S.B. 84, 2020 General Session “Public Entity Water Users Amendments,” regarding the issues that have yet to be resolved regarding issues concerning the use and development of water by public entities.	No recommendations.
<b>Colorado River Basin</b> - the Commission members voted to add this study item to look at the Colorado River Basin water needs and supply.	This item was not heard.	No recommendations.